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● In November 1965 flood- waters left a trail of dam- age totalling \$2000 in her previous shop in McLean St.

● Four months later a fire in an adjacent fish shop caused several hundred dollars of smoke damage to her stock.

Indomitable Miss Johnstone ("I won't see 69 again") decided to carry on.

Last month she shifted into her new premises. A few nights later intruders gained entry but nothing was taken. Then came last night's loss.

"I won't get anywhere if I give up. But it's enough to make you want to, isn't it?" Miss Johnstone said today.

The floor of the shop was a mess of charred wet clothing. Friends picked through the piles, salvaging what they could.

Outside, curious shoppers peered through the smoke-darkened windows and Miss Johnstone could still smile.

## Supporters 'divided'

TAURANGA, This Day (PA).—The Labour Party's selection of a candidate for the Eastern Maori by-election on Saturday would end the party's grip on the electorate, the Minister of Works, Mr Allen, said at a meeting at Te Puna, near Tauranga, last night.

"The Labour Party has divided its supporters by its selection of the candidate," Mr Allen said, adding, "the grip of the Batana Church is right back again."

The party could not even select a candidate for the by-election without gaining

## Began first camp site at Oakura

The man who 38 years ago began the first camp site at Oakura, Mr John Alois Jans, died in the Westown Hospital, New Plymouth, today.

Mr Jans (69) was born at his family homestead in Inglewood in 1898. During World War I he and his younger brother shifted to a farm in Stratford, but had to leave during the slump.

Mr Jans and his wife spent some years sharemilking before taking up part of Captain Mace's farm at Oakura.

Between milking about 50 cows he built the Oakura camp site, using a horse and scoop. In the first year he had three sites and the size of the camp increased until there were 60 sites when he sold it several years ago.

Mr Jans also built the Oakura store beside the beach during World War II. A keen footballer, Mr Jans travelled with his wife to Australia with the All Blacks in 1937. He played for the Stratford, Star and Toko clubs.

Mr Jans took an active part in community life at Oakura. He was a past chairman of the Oakura hall committee and indoor bowling club, and was a member of the Old Boys' Life Saving Club.

"He practically started Oakura," his wife said today. "Thirty years ago when we saw two tourists on the beach we thought it was a crowd—now look at Oakura."

Mr Jans leaves his wife, Irene, a son, Ronald, and four grandchildren.

## Nepia joins critics

MASTERTON, This Day (PA).—The noted former All Black and New Zealand Maori representative, Mr George Nepia, today joined Auckland's Mr T. C. Parsons and others